



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for the response.